IRL COUNCIL
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes from the meeting of

Thursday, February 9, 2023

1:30 PM

Sebastian City Hall, Council Chambers,

1225 Main Street, Sebastian, FL 32958

Attendance: Frank Brownell, Tess Sailor-Tynes, Tom Barratt, Frank Catino, Cheryl McPhillips, Doug Patterson, Suzanne Scheiber, Keith Winston, Graham Cox, Linda Roberts, Cynthia Hall, Jerome Gayman, Greg Braun

Guests:

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** (Frank Catino, Chair)
   Frank Catino called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M. and led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Introduction & Public Comments** (Frank Catino, Chair)
   No public comments were made.
3. **Elections of Officers** (Kathy Hill)

   Ms. Hill informed the committee that Mr. Frank Catino is willing to serve as chair and explained that the vice chair position was elected at the November meeting. M. Hill opened the floor nominations.

   Requested Action: Elect Chair for Calendar Year 2023 for the Citizens' Advisory Committee.

   MOTION WAS MADE BY CYNTHIA HALL TO ELECT FRANK CATINO AS CHAIR OF THE CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY FRANK BROWNELL. MOTION PASSED.
4. **Agenda Revisions** (Frank Catino, Chair)
   No agenda revisions were brought forward.
5. **Approval of Minutes** (Frank Catino, Chair)

   Requested Action: Approve Minutes from the CAC Meeting on November 17, 2022.

   MOTION WAS MADE BY CYNTHIA HALL TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 17, 2022. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DOUG PATTERSON. MOTION PASSED.
6. **Presentation**

   Why We Should Focus on the Science of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (David Jones)

   David Jones presented the benefits of communicating and building bridges with priority populations to advance the goals of the IRLNEP and to develop access to the IRLNEP. With Mr. Jones's guidance, staff will define goals, determine measurable outcomes and outline the duties and commitments of a task force.
7. **Old Business**
   None

8. New Business

a. Review and Accept Small Grants Application Packet (Kathy Hill)

Ms. Hill reviewed the minor updates to the application.

Requested Action: Recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors authorize staff to release FY 2023 Small Grants Applications.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CYNTHIA HALL TO RECOMMEND THAT THE IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZE STAFF TO RELEASE FY 2023 SMALL GRANTS APPLICATIONS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY FRANK BROWNELL. MOTION PASSED.

b. Fiscal Year 2024 RFPs (Daniel Kolodny)

Mr. Kolodny reviewed the RFPs.

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept the IRLNEP Citizen's Advisory Committee recommendations and approve the final ranked list of proposals; fund the top proposals contingent and consistent with available funds and budgetary authority; and authorize to negotiate and enter into contracts with those applicants.

MOTION WAS MADE BY GREG BRAUN TO RECOMMEND THAT THE IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACCEPT THE IRLNEP CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND APPROVE THE FINAL RANKED LIST OF PROPOSALS; FUND THE TOP PROPOSALS CONTINGENT AND CONSISTENT WITH AVAILABLE FUNDS AND BUDGETARY AUTHORITY; AND AUTHORIZE TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THOSE APPLICANTS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JEROME GAYMAN MOTION PASSED.

c. Fiscal Year 2024 Tentative Budget (Danial Kolodny)

Mr. Kolodny reviewed the Tentative Budget.

Requested Action: Recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors review and adopt the tentative budget for FY 2024 by Resolution 2023-01, pursuant to Florida Statutes.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CYNTHIA HALL TO RECOMMEND THAT THE IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEW AND ADOPT THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FY 2024 BY RESOLUTION 2023-01, PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DOUG PATTERSON. MOTION PASSED.

9. IRLNEP Staff Reports

a. Communications Report (Kathy Hill)

Ms. Hill reported that the social media posts' reach and interaction are increasing. The activity of the three Community Engagement Coordinators' collaboration was noted for the increase. The CECs are busy connecting and performing outreach throughout the length of the lagoon. Eight podcasts will be produced this year, requesting suggestions for topics and speakers.

b. Information Technology and Data Science Update (KJ Ayres)

Ms. Ayres reported that the FDEP Innovative Technology Project 13, GeoCollaborate, is completed, and the report has been submitted. The One Lagoon website has a link to all materials pertaining to this project. Envirothon will take place on February 24th, 2023, after a three-year hiatus. Website updates are ongoing.

c. IRL Project Update (Daniel Kolodny)

Mr. Kolodny reported that CCMP Projects/Activities are in progress, with two projects completed during FY 2023 Quarter 1. Mr. Kolodny highlighted the two completed projects; City of Stuart – Tressler Drive Water Quality Improvement and the Florida Atlantic University/Harbor Branch – Sampling to Assess Toxins Produced by Harmful Algal Blooms in the Indian River Lagoon.

d. Executive Director Report (Kathy Hill)

Ms. Hill reported that Executive Director Dr. Duane De Freese is recovering from recent cancer treatment. Prior to treatment, Dr. De Freese met with NEP Directors and attended the FWC Fall Manatee Forum in November. December meetings included the State and Federal Interagency Emergency Response Team and the Interagency Coastal Resilience with FDEP and Space Florida. Multiple conversations with state and federal elected officials, office staff members, and agency representatives regarding strategic planning for 2023 continue.

10. Final Comments (Committee, Staff, Public)

Frank Catino noted that many projects are happening throughout the IRL and feels this information should be promoted. Daniel Kolodny stated that the Annual Review highlights the work being done. Jessy Wayles announced that the Community Engagement Coordinators are available to speak on projects and topics related to the lagoon.

11. Next Meeting

Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. Sebastian City Hall Council Chambers,
225 Main Street, Sebastian, FL 32958

12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

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